

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba--
Military

a. Moscow has begun beaming to Cuba a daily 30-minute Russian language program--obviously intended for Soviet personnel in Cuba although labeled as simply "for Soviet comrades abroad." It carries news (none on Cuba) and a review of Pravda.

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2. Saudi Arabia

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c. Bunche may yet get to see Faysal, although he had planned to return to New York tonight. Faysal now says he has not refused permission for Bunche to come; he just wanted to register a complaint over Bunche's not visiting the Yemeni royalists.

3. Iraq

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c. Soviet military advisers are tightening up on their Iraqi trainees. Missile specialists at the SAM site west of Baghdad, which also has a training function, are not permitting the Iraqis to see instruction manuals and are now refusing information on missile fuels and radio frequencies used in the guidance system.

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d.

Mulla Mustafa Barzani has given Baghdad an ultimatum; unless it is announced at midnight tonight that negotiations are underway to form an autonomous Kurdish state, he will resume hostilities.

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4. UK-US

a. "Europe News Agency," a respected information service specializing in Common Market affairs, has carried a report that the British have been sounding out Washington on an early tariff-cutting agreement between the US and the British-led European Free Trade Association. Tariff reductions would not necessarily be extended to other countries--or the EEC--unless they reciprocated.

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b. This story may carry more weight in Europe and generate more suspicions than other French-instigated press reports hostile to US trade policies.

c. A right-wing Brussels newspaper has already picked it up, commenting that such an arrangement must be opposed since it would "dilute the EEC into a large free-trade zone under Anglo-Saxon domination."


5. Thailand

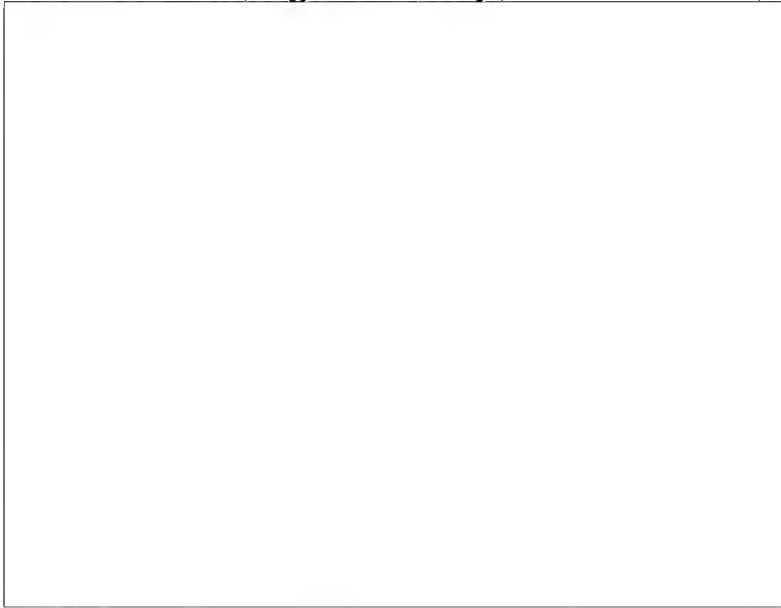
a. Ambassador Young notes increasing concern--and some threat to the US image--in Thailand over the threat of subversion from Laos. This has been sparked by press coverage of the Chinese Communist road-building operation in Laos and fed by disappointment over US failure to act more forcefully to curb Communist operations in Laos.

b. He hears frequently the theme: "Communism in Cuba must be opposed urgently; Communism in Laos can be attended to later."

c. After a private preview of "The Ugly American," he sees it "a clear minus for the US and a vague plus for the USSR" and as "detrimental to the US position in Thailand and Asia."

6. France

a. French Security, fearing new OAS terrorism sparked by the current strikes and by death sentences imposed on De Gaulle's would-be assassins of August 1962, 



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7. Bolivia

a. The National Peasants Organization Congress which opens Saturday may be the scene of the first real skirmish--and a violent one at that--in next year's presidential election.

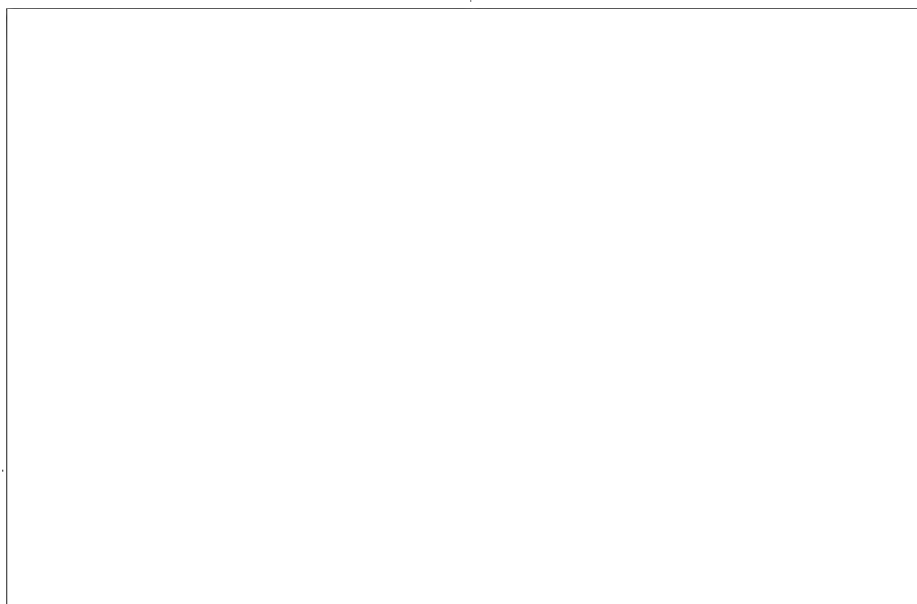
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b. President Paz Estenssoro fears that leftists will attempt to gain control of the organization as a step toward gaining the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (Paz' party) presidential nomination for leftist vice president Juan Lechin.

c. Paz' supporters are organizing to overwhelm his opposition in the congress; observers expect him to use any outbreak of violence as a pretext for declaring a state of siege and for using the armed forces to control the peasants' organization.

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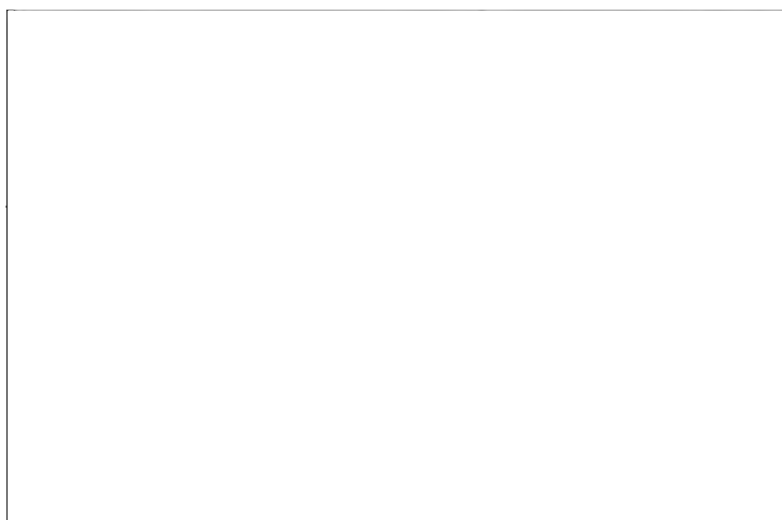
8. Brazil



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A. Indonesia

Ambassador

Jones has now heard that the Chinese Communists have outlined a way for Indonesia to run the oil industry profitably in the event no agreement on marketing is reached with Caltex. It would involve processing Sumatran crude oil in Chinese refineries.

- B. China-Afghanistan The Chinese Communists, anxious to support their contention that New Delhi is the intransigent party in the Sino-Indian dispute, are soon to negotiate another border agreement--with Afghanistan. The Afghans say they expect no difficulties in the talks; the de facto border already follows the general line of the watershed between them.

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- E. USSR American Broadcasting Company correspondent Jaffe shot a film on Soviet election day of the aged Marshal Voroshilov making the sign of the cross as he entered a polling station. Jaffe has been told that the Moscow ABC bureau would be closed down immediately if the film is shown in the US.

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- G. Congo Tshombe may be returning to Elisabethville today. An awkward, if not dangerous, period is in prospect. Integration is dragging. There is an upsurge of separatism in Katanga, where the security situation is worsening; and the most effective UN troops--the Indians--are about to withdraw.